

WEST VIRGINIA'S NEW STATE PARSONAGE



"Above may be seen our new state parsonage, recently completed, at 414 N. Kanawha Street in Beckley, at a cost of approximately \$31,000, including furniture. The building is of brick, with cinder-block backing and oak floor and trim throughout. The parsonage proper has eight rooms, including reception hall, tile bath, and powder room. The wing on the left constitutes the state overseer's private office, the state secretary's office, and the reception room. The parsonage has a full basement, with recreation room, plus ample space for printing facilities if ever needed. The lawn is beautifully landscaped and is now covered with straw to preserve the tender grass through winter. The appraised value of this manse would be no less than \$50,000.

WEST VIRGINIA'S MINISTERS' ACTIVITIES, NOVEMBER, 1949

"Ministers reported, 217; revivals conducted, 45; sermons preached, 1,819; homes visited, 2,899; number sanctified, 491; number filled with the Holy Ghost, 145; number baptized in water, 144; number added to the church, 240; state membership, 5,377."

No surprise that West Virginia's state overseer, Paul H. Walker, is superbly happy!

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WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

**FORMER GENERAL
OVERSEER S. W.
LATIMER HAS GONE
TO HIS REWARD**

The many friends of Brother S. W. Latimer will be saddened by the news of his death on Saturday night, January 14, 1950, at his home on Montgomery Ave., Cleveland, Tenn. He was seventy-seven years old on October 1, 1949, and had been in failing health for the past five years.

Brother Latimer was born in Newnan, Ga. At an early age he was converted and became a member of the Methodist Church. He served as a steward in the Methodist Church for a number of years. In 1912, he was sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and became a member of the Church of God. In 1914 he was ordained a bishop and served the Church in different important capacities.

Brother Latimer served on the Building Committee appointed at the Tenth General Assembly, in November, 1914, to draft plans and raise money for the erection of buildings for a school and auditorium for the use of the General Assembly. At the Twelfth General Assembly, in November, 1916, he served on the Bible Order Committee which suggested the bringing into effect of the body of Twelve Elders, the highest board dealing with the general affairs of the Church, and he became charter member of this body in 1917, in which capacity He served the Church for fifty years. He served on the Church of God Orphanage Committee for seven years and won a very warm spot in the hearts of our boys and girls.

Brother Latimer came to Cleveland, Tenn., in 1924 and served the North Cleveland Church as pastor for two years. At the General Assembly in October, 1927, he was elected as Editor and Publisher and served one year, succeeding Brother F. J. Lee as General Overseer of the Church in October, 1928. After seven years as General Overseer, he was again made Editor and Publisher and served four years in this position. He also served as state overseer of North Carolina for two years and of Georgia five years, and pastored a number of churches besides the North Cleveland Church. Brother Latimer is known all over the United States and in foreign countries for his humility, kindness, and liberality, and because of his firm stand for the teachings of the Church of God and the deep and fundamental truths of the Bible.

A faithful warrior has fallen but "blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13. The good works of Brother Latimer will never be forgotten, and when rewards are given by the great Judge of the universe, we believe Brother Latimer will receive a great reward. We look forward to meeting him again among our friends and loved ones who have gone on before us.

Surviving him are his faithful companion, five daughters, Mrs. Sallie Belle McCune, Mrs. J. D. Hyberger, Mrs. T. Loyd McLain, and Mrs. A. L. Crane, of Cleveland, and Mrs. J. H. Childers, of Chattanooga; two sons, A. L. Latimer, of Carrollton, Ga., and Paul W. Latimer, of Jacksonville, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. Charles H. Lehman, of Jacksonville, Fla.; twenty-nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the North Cleveland church by Revs. John L. Stephens, R. C. Cook, T. S. Payne, and E. J. Boehmer. Others taking part were Revs. H. L. Chesson, Zeno C. Sharp, R. R. Walker, J. H. Walker, and A. V. Beaubé. Interment was in Hill Cemetery, Cleveland.—Irene Wales.



REV. S. W. LATIMER

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My husband to be healed of diabetes and gangrene.—Mrs. L. T. Goff, Fitzgerald, Ga.
My husband to be healed of cancer of the stomach, kidneys, and both small and large intestines; him to receive the Holy Ghost.—Lillian Palmer, Baldwin, Miss.
My unaved husband and daughter; me to be healed and live closer to the Lord.—Mrs. F. Corrin, London, Ont., Canada.
The healing of my body.—Mrs. Mary J. Belcher, Lane, Okla.

My two sons to be saved; my sister to be healed of serious kidney and bladder trouble and flu; me to be healed.—Mrs. A. J. Gunter, Plant City, Fla.

My nephew to be saved; my father's salvation; my mother; my healing.—Mary Smith, Neshoba, Miss.

A sister-in-law to be saved and healed of kidney trouble; my loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. D. P. Burton, Edgefield, S. C.

God to save and heal my husband.—Mrs. John James, St. George, W. Va.
My loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. G. H. Johnson, Salisbury, N. C.

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43d GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Aug. 24-27, 1950

Where?

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Birmingham, Ala.

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Where?

In Same Auditorium

When?

Aug. 22-24

H. L. Chesser, General Overseer

WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

By Gipsy Smith

If there is a man or woman who has been trying to live a Christian life and has no joy in it, and no victory in it, and no song in it—I know the reason! It is that you have never repented. You started wrong.

This is the most neglected doctrine in the New Testament, and the most unpopular. You do not often hear preachers speak upon it. You do not like to hear about repentance. And I will tell you something else—it is not an easy subject to preach upon. It is far easier to congratulate than it is to expostulate.

There is far more said in the New Testament about repentance than anybody dreams. Take a good reference Bible, read up on that subject for a month, and see! Why, this Book is a handbook of repentance: it enforces it, it commands it, and it so demands it that there is no substitute that it will accept. Over sixty times the Book enforces it, and all the epistles are written to show men how to do it, so that you need not be at sea or in a fog as to what it means: yet multitudes of people are.

I am afraid that in our zeal to get people into the church of God we have allowed them to come in under false pretenses. We have not sufficiently torn the bandage from their moral and spiritual vision.

I have never yet preached an easy religion; I have never yet preached a cheap religion. I have not found one; I do not know one. Jesus never made it easy for people to be saved. He did not say, "Only believe: you have nothing to do." Please remember that! He did not preach to sinners, to begin with, on the love of God. We have preached love till people are lovesick!

AUGUSTA, GA., BUILDING TREASURE POUNCES \$10,000 MARK AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Yes, that's just what happened here at the Church of God in Augusta, Ga. We had planned to reach the \$10,000 mark with our building treasure by spring, but we've reached that goal three months ahead of schedule. This is all cash. We have also purchased and paid for a corner lot in the best church section of Augusta. In addition to this, the Lord has helped us to make several hundred dollars worth of repairing and improvements on our present building.

Above all material things, the Lord is wonderfully blessing us spiritually. Souls are being saved, sanctified, and baptized with the mighty Holy Ghost. Sick bodies are being healed. At present we are in a great revival. Rev. H. R. Appling is the evangelist. We are extremely crowded for Sunday School space, and the crowds are overflowing the church during revivals. Will you join us in giving praise to our eternal King?—Max L. Atkins, Pastor.

RELIGION NEEDED

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (RNS)—To overcome the habit of drinking, one must find a power higher than oneself, and this is usually found in religion.

That was the substance of a speech made by an unidentified member of Alcoholics Anonymous here before 275 delegates to the annual meeting of the Illinois Hospital Association.

The speaker said that about 50 per cent of all who join AA recover completely from the drink habit. He also

said women number about 15 per cent of the group's membership. At the present time, over 100,000 men belong.

SO THEY SAY...

Meeting a Friend

There are some places and situations that offer you nothing but despair. Somehow you cannot be yourself in them. Everybody and everything there cancels you out. You are alone among the enemy. Anything you say or do or can imagine yourself saying or doing would mean nothing. You seem to have wandered out of your world, have perhaps lost it forever. To cope with such situations, such places, such blank-faced monsters, you would have to be born again. You are being asked to exist in strange dimensions. All waking hours begin to seem like a nightmare, and only as the day ends and you retreat thankfully to bed do you catch a gleam of sanity. So what a wonderful thing it is to come unexpectedly in such a place or situation upon a friend! Suddenly—there is the familiar face, with every feature a landmark in a sensible country. Here are the eyes that see you as your old-established self. The strange dimensions have vanished. Into these ears you can pour your talk and be understood. The very sight of that nose restores you to a comprehensible world. "Hel-lo. What on earth are you doing here?" It is the voice—at last—of an affectionate fellow creature! What delight! —J. B. PRIESTLY, in "Delight."

The Leadon Keel

Melancholy and remorse form the deep leadon keel which enables us to sail into the wind of reality; we run aground sooner than the flat-bottomed pleasure-lovers, but we venture out in weather that would sink them.—CYRIL CONNOLLY, in "The Unquiet Grave."

IT IS NOT EASY—

To apologize;
To begin over;
To admit error;
To be unselfish;
To take advice;
To be considerate;
To endure success;
To keep on trying;
To avoid mistakes;
To forgive and forget;
To make the most of little;
To maintain a high standard;
To shoulder a deserved blame.
But it always pays!

—Charles E. Fuller

Touched by Our Brother's Infirmary

By REV. H. E. KENDRICK

Gal. 6:1-3, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself."

With a humble heart and a prayer rising out of the depths of my soul, I pen these lines, for it has been so forcibly, yet lovingly cast my way. We need not close our eyes to the fact that apostasy and hypocrisy, in the guise of love, is slowly but surely creeping into Pentecostal organizations. This is proof that we are living, without doubt, in the "end-time period"; but, should we fold our hands and say, "Oh well, we are in the last days, and there is nothing much we can do"? No, a thousand times no! Suppose Nineveh had responded to Jonah's preaching in this manner. The city certainly would have been destroyed. But because they repented of the evil and were each touched with the feeling of their infirmities (or faults), God repented of the evil He intended for them. We, who are no more important than they, must take heed lest we do not hear, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least (or weakest) of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," and receive the sentence of those on His left hand, for the promise is eternally to "him that overcometh," "endureth unto the end," and is "without spot or wrinkle." With a solemn awe and trembling in my own soul, we go to our scripture text:

Brethren, if a man be overtaken. The word "brethren" indicates that Paul is admonishing those who have perhaps received the Holy Ghost, yet are in serious danger of being trapped, for he says, "If a man be overtaken," surprised, seized on without warning, suddenly invaded, taken unawares. After all, isn't that the way the enemy works? Like a ship suddenly taken by monstrous waves and dashed on the rocks, so "if any man be overtaken in a fault." We may not be backslidden, yet we may have a fault that hinders our fellowship and even our spirituality with God, but:

Ye which are spiritual are admonished, as those who are not unfortunate enough to have that "fault," and who still retain the grace of the gospel, to restore such an one, like a skillful and tender physician resets the broken limb, to lift up the "fallen," "care for the dying." How? *In the spirit of meekness*, using no severity or haughtiness toward him, for he is humbled and distressed enough by his fault; yet, the church and pastor at times have been completely ignored because of peculiarities or faults. *Ye brethren which were spiritual* did not restore, but aggravated, by lack of feigned love, until untold harm had been irreparably done, individually, organizationally, and, so sad but true, spiritually.

Considering thyself None are immune. He fell, or had an unbecoming characteristic; cannot we? Be warned at his expense lest the comparable

verdict of the publican and Pharisee's prayer be ours.

Lest thou also be tempted. And having had this warning, we will have less with which to excuse ourselves. It is no wonder, if we are cruel censors of weak or backslidden brethren, that we should have to be taught mercy and long-suffering by an awful proof of our own frailty and lack of love.

Remember the sweet and heartfelt acquittal of the woman whom the "holy-in-their-own-eyes" Pharisee had taken in the very act of adultery and demanded the law of Moses to be exacted upon her, but who could not cast the first stone because of comparable sins and faults in their own frailties? He after whom we are to pattern said, "Neither do I condemn thee"; also, not justifying her, He added, "Go and sin no more." Think ye that He who instructed Peter to forgive and have holy compassion not until "seven times, but until seventy times seven" would have acted any the less forgiving had she have fallen again and in like manner repented?

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God Is a Very Present Help in Trouble

About August 6, 1948, God performed a special miracle for which I feel I must praise Him. We had decided to go out on the Hillsborough River, above Tampa, Florida, for a little outing. There were four carloads of men, women, and children in the party. The men went on early to fish, and the women and children came later. When the women and children came out, we came in with our little boat, and of course, the children wanted to ride in the boat. Some of the smaller ones were taken first, and then the larger ones. There were six, ranging in ages from four to ten, taken in the boat, with two men also aboard. It is needless to say that we had too many in the boat. However, everyone was a little excited, I suppose, and did not see the danger.

They began to crank on the motor, but it didn't start right away, so the boat drifted about one hundred and fifty yards down the river before the motor started. When it did start, the boat took a nose dive and went down in about twenty feet of water. You can imagine how I felt for my two children were on the boat, along with

four others. Thank God, we were all praying folk, and most all members of the Church of God in Plant City. We began to call on God and rush to their rescue.

I am reminded now of the 46th Psalm, verse 1: "God is our refuge, and strength. A very present help in trouble." I can truly say that God was a present help in trouble, for all six of those children were saved and delivered from that river. One of them was gone, naturally speaking, when I took her from the water, but God helped and she was revived.

You would have had to be present to realize what a wonderful miracle this was, for none of us were experienced in life-saving work; but God helped us, praise His name.

I write these few lines that God may have the glory for this miracle. I also want to praise God for many healings He has wrought in my life. One, recently, of something I was afraid would turn into a cancer on the side of my face. It had been giving me trouble for about a year; but, praise God, I feel no symptoms of it now.—L. H. Alford, Miami, Florida.

Old-fashioned Revivals

COLUMBUS, Ohio—We have had 2 weeks of the greatest revival the Church of God in Columbus has ever known. Rev. J. A. Lewis, of Tampa, Fla., is the evangelist. Six have been saved, 8 sanctified, 10 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 5 baptized in water, and 6 added to the church. Our Sunday School yesterday was 256. The house is crowded beyond seating capacity. Though afflicted with cold, Rev. Lewis is at his best. Let all who read this pray that we may be able to obtain a larger building. We are greatly handicapped because of crowded quarters. The revival is continuing. You will make no mistake in securing the service of Brother Lewis as your evangelist. Mrs. E. Haynes is a very strong prop under this meeting.—Rev. D. G. Phillips, Pastor.

FERNANDINA, Fla.—We have had a successful 3 weeks' revival with Rev. L. C. Allen as the evangelist. There were 20 saved, 13 sanctified, 8 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 8 added to the church. The revival spirit is still burning, and God is still saving and baptizing with the Holy Ghost. We do praise the Lord for the way He is blessing the work at Fernandina.—R. E. Roberts, Pastor.

YOUTH REVIVAL

IVA, S. C.—We recently closed a great revival at the Church of God in Iva, S. C., with Brother Howard Hanley, of Belton, S. C., as the evangelist, assisted by Brother Ross Morgan, of Seneca, S. C. There were 22 saved, 12 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 8 added to the church. Two weeks after the revival closed, 15 followed the Lord in baptism, and such a service as we had on the river bank! We do praise God for the wonderful visitation of His Spirit to the church at Iva. We had children's service every evening. Brother Hanley led them in choruses, and how those juniors sang! Brother Morgan gave a flannelboard story each night, which was enjoyed by the adults as well as the children. The meeting ran three weeks. The revival fire continues to burn in our regular services. Pray for us that we will continue to go forward

for God.—Mrs. J. R. Kitchens, Reporter.

MALLORY, W. Va.—We have just closed a 3 weeks' revival, with the Rev. Homer Johnson, of Erwin, Tenn. doing the preaching. There were 16 saved, 8 sanctified, 8 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 8 added to the church. Brother Johnson is truly a child of God and his ambition is to help win souls to Jesus. We have one of the best pastors, Brother C. C. Blevins, and his wife. We thank the Lord for them. Pray for the people at Mallory that they may always be about their Master's business.—Ruth Paynter, Reporter, Davin, W. Va.

The Thonotosassa, Fla., Church of God enjoyed a 3 weeks' revival under the able preaching of Sister Anne Glow, of St. Petersburg, Fla. Her preaching was under the power of the Holy Ghost with the signs following. Every night the altar was full of seeking souls. Five received the Holy Ghost, 3 were sanctified, 4 were saved, and 5 baptized in water.

Our church has been moving forward under the leadership of our beloved pastor and his good wife, Rev. and Mrs. John Gilbert, with over 100 in the Sunday School.—Eugene Jackson, Church Clerk.

E. LAURINBURG, N. C.—We have just closed a wonderful revival with Rev. D. H. Delk, of Bessemer City, N. C., doing the preaching. God blessed in a mighty way. There were 13 saved, 5 sanctified, and 4 baptized with the Holy Ghost. This was not only a great revival for the blessing of sinners, but the messages that Brother Delk brought to the church seemed to revive the fact that there are souls to be saved or lost.

We have a wonderful group of young people to work with, and also a wonderful L. W. W. B. Nellie Watson is the president of the L. W. W. B. here and we appreciate the fine work they have been doing. In the last month they have raised near \$400. We thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother Fields, and wife. When they came here about 5 years ago there were only 3 members and they worshiped in the room of a sister's home. They organized

Sunday School with 14. Today the church has 118 members and an average of 280 in Sunday School last month. We also have a nice brick church, and, most of all, the Lord is saving souls. We desire the prayers of everyone that we may finish our church in the near future.—Gilford Clark, Reporter.

PARSONS, Kans.—We have just closed a revival, with Rev. Orville Moses, Jr., who is 15 years of age, doing the preaching. The revival lasted 3 weeks, in which 7 were saved, 1 sanctified, and 1 filled with the Holy Ghost.

Since we came here in July of this year, God has certainly blessed us. With the help of the good people here we have redecorated both the parsonage and the church. The Sunday School record has been broken twice, first with 45, and second with 64 in attendance. Prior to our revival we had 1 saved and 1 filled with the Holy Ghost. God has been good to us. We thank Him for it and are looking forward to greater things from the Lord.—Charles A. Starks.

EDENTON, N. C.—Inasmuch as God is blessing His people almost everywhere, He is also blessing His people here at Edenton. We just closed one of the best revivals we have witnessed in a long time. Several were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost and a number healed. We have only a small workshop in a man's backyard to worship in; we desire your prayers that we will be able to build a church soon. Brother Church, of Ellensboro, N. C., was our evangelist, and we feel that he will be a blessing to any church needing the services of a good evangelist.—O. M. McKinney, Pastor.

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EMPTY SEATS

By D. H. DELK, 208 N. TENTH STREET, BESSEMER CITY, N. C.

"...thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty," 1 Sam. 20:18.

There is a proverb which says, "An empty bag won't stand up." Well, empty seats are not empty. They are full, full of evil spirits that can speak loud, long, and strong for the devil.

Note first, every one is one, and every one is important. Every one has a seat to fill, a place no one else can fill. No mortal man or woman can be in two places at one time. He or she is either present or absent. We poor preachers have "scored" folk for being "bench-warmers" many a time, but I surely had rather have the seats warmed by dry, hateful hypocrites than to have them empty. Oh, I know circumstances alter cases, but I think we need some faith that will alter some circumstances. It is deplorable how easily some will vacate their seats.

Benalah slew a lion in a pit of snow (2 Sam. 23:20).

I have observed folk on the mountain top "shouting up a breeze" on Saturday night, but the following Sunday morning their seats were empty. Then I wondered if they could whip a rabbit on level ground. I'm afraid not, if it happened to be a little rainy, or a little cold, or hot.

An empty seat is a help to the devil. Many folk ignorantly help the devil. If we will stop helping the devil, God will surely win. "Neither give place to the devil," Eph. 4:27. PLEASE, DON'T GIVE THE DEVIL YOUR SEAT. He wants it, and he'll be there, right there "Johnnie on the spot," to occupy it.

An empty seat says to the preacher, "You're a sorry preacher. If you could preach, instead of boring the people to death, I'd be occupied." Well, the evidence is strong. I'm thickheaded, I guess, but when my folk can hear me and won't (or go somewhere else), then it's hard for me to believe I'm the best preacher in the State. Their empty seats talk loudly and are stubborn evidence.

Some folk wanted to discredit the healing of the lame man, but the

man was standing right there, healed without a doubt—evidence that could not be denied.

An empty seat says to visitors, "There must be something wrong here. Why don't the members attend? If they love their church so much, why are they elsewhere?"

One fellow, in order to prove he was not crazy, jerked out of his pocket discharge papers from an insane asylum and showed them to his accuser.

The best proof that you love your pastor and church is to be there in person, not in spirit only. Some say, "I just can't be there today, or tonight; but I'll send my spirit." Well, Brother or Sister, if you just can't be there in person, tell your pastor (or evangelist) where you want your spir-

THE TONGUE

The tongue is a member
That boasts great things;
It is never too tired
To cause sorrow or pains.
Its work has affected
The whole work of man;
It is always ready
To wreck all his plans.

The tongue is as mean
As the devil himself,
When allowed to wander
From plain to cliff.
He can wreck a mansion
With one little curl,
And with a few movements
Disturb the world.

Of all the places he
Can do the most dirt
Is with the mind of people
Who are in the church.
His length is the longest
And at his best
When he can get brothers
To hear his jest.

He burns with fire that
Is kindled in hell,
And when not bridled
There's nothing he won't tell.
The store of words
At his command
Puts his work over
When free of hand.

But the Lord from heaven
Has done the job well,
With grace from glory
And power over hell.
The bridle he has
Fits him to a tee;
He has a good one
For you and for me.

—M. D. Harwood

it to sit, so he'll know where to show up. Tell your spirit to say "amen" and to pray for the preacher. Also, tell it to be a good spirit at church. And, by all means, send your tithes and offerings by your spirit. Do your best to keep your spirit alive while your body is dead. Read this carefully: "The body without the spirit is dead," James 2:26.

"Don't forget; if you are not here, you will be missed, because your seat will be empty."

The thing an empty seat will say to the new convert, the one that is thinking of uniting with the church, is "You had better wait a while. It's plain to see there is not much interest here. Why not visit other places? You'll find larger crowds, and people that are friendly and love their church and are able to help carry the load."

Oh, the peril of empty seats is much worse than many folk realize!

"The Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, (how) giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils," 1 Tim. 4:1. The word "seducing" here means "roaming; rambling as a tramp, hobo, or bum." Surely many are gadding about here and there, giving the devil their seats at home. Yes, many are out of joint, out of place, out of duty, and out of the will of God. "As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place," Prov. 27:8. "Why gaddest thou about so much?" Jer. 2:36. "They loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet," Jer. 14:10. "My people hath been lost sheep... they have gone from mountain to hill (drifting downstream) they have forgotten their resting-place (their own church)," Jer. 50:6.

"Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established," Heb. 13:9. "Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh," James 5:8.

I say again, when you are absent from church, "thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty."

... THEY SAY ...

OFF THE BEAM

The chairman at one of my recent lectures told about a little girl who went to church for the first time. Afterward, the minister asked her how she liked the service.

"Well," she said, "I thought the music was very nice, but your commercial was too long."

—Stuart Chase.

I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.

—Mark Twain.

A New Hampshire man without heirs, who died several years ago, left two sealed letters—one to be opened by his lawyer after the funeral and one of explicit instructions for the undertaker. In accordance with the latter, the funeral took place at 4 a. m. Just four friends managed to drag themselves out at that unearthly hour. But they were well repaid for their trouble, for when the other letter was opened, it provided for the equal distribution of the man's estate—some \$400,000—among those who attended the funeral.

—Nashua, N. H. Cavalier.

THE ELDER BROTHER

It was during the dark century when the powers-that-be in Scotland had forbidden all attendance at the church on the Sabbath. A little lassie was crossing the heath toward a secret meeting place, where she was stopped by a great soldier who pointed his sword at her throat and demanded where she was going. The heart under the little Scotch plaid yoke may have been beating at double time, and the childish voice may have trembled a bit, but still she answered truthfully: "And if it please ye, kind sir, my Elder Brother has died; sould I no' gang to my Father's hoose for to see what he has left me in his last will and Testament?"

This must have sounded like good thrifty common sense to the Scotch soldier for he said to her: "Ay, ay, lassie! Gang yer gait!"

The little child went her way to worship her Father with others who had braved imprisonment and death for their love of God and His Church.

—First Church Flashes.

POWER OF SUGGESTION

After sending a parcel to European relatives, we received a very grateful letter with this paragraph: "If you can, please send more pills. We didn't know what they were until Cousin Lempi came—she had studied English, you know—and read the name for us. Then we gave them as to Uncle Paul who has been suffering from rheumatism and he feels much better now. He says it is the best medicine he ever took. The pills are called Life Savers."

—Alice Murdock in Pageant.

SOME BRIGHT MORNING

THINK—

Of stepping on shore and finding it heaven!
Of taking hold of a hand and finding it God's hand,
Of breathing a new air and finding it celestial air,
Of feeling invigorated and finding it immortality,
Of passing from storm and tempest to an unknown calm,
Of waking up and finding it home!

—The Gospel Call.

MY BIBLE

This Holy Book I'd rather own than all the gold and gems
That e'er in monarchs' coffers shone, than all their diadems.
Nay, were the seas one chrysolite, the earth one golden ball,
And diamonds all the star of night, this Book outweighs them all.
Ah, no, the soul ne'er found relief in glittering hoards of wealth:
Gems dazzle not the eyes of grief, gold cannot purchase health.
But here a blessed balm appears, to heal the deepest woe,
And those who read this Book in tears, their tears shall cease to flow.

CHRIST

He is a path, if any be misled;
He is a robe, if any naked be;
If any chance to hunger, He is bread;
If any be a bondsman, He is free;
If any be but weak, how strong is He!
To dead men life He is, to sick men health;
To blind men sight, and to the needy wealth;
A pleasure without loss, a treasure without stealth.

—Giles Fletcher.

IT ISN'T THE CHURCH, IT'S YOU

It isn't the preacher's flowery prayer
Or the way the choir sings,
Or the size of the coin your neighbor gives,
Or the help your brother brings.
It isn't the size of your favorite church,
Or the cost of your favorite pew,
Or the style of clothes the members wear;
For it isn't the church, it's you.
It isn't the way the work is done,
Or the way the money's spent,
Or whether the Gospel's all brought in,
Or whether there's some that's sent.
It isn't the kind of creed they love,
Or peculiar things they do,
Or whether the doctrine suits your taste;
For it isn't the church, it's you.
For a chain's as strong as the weakest link,
And it breaks with a heavy load,
But a church that's full of the links that pull
Can level the roughest road.
If you get ir. tune with the Master's will,
With your heart and your labors too,
You will love your church, though it has its faults,
For it isn't the church, it's you.

—R. R. Newberry.

THE INNER MAN

By FLORENCE RENNER, MIAMI, FLA.

If we could penetrate the hardened surface
Of those whose lives seem calloused, fraught
With pride;
If we could see the tenderness and beauty
That oftentimes lies dormant deep inside;
If only we could know the "why's" and
"wherefore's"

The motives for the grievous things they do;
If we were capable of keen discernment,
Our criticisms would, at most, be few.

Too often, as we make our life-long journey,
We stop to dress the wounds our brother made.
While self-created blades of strife and anger
Cut deeper so that healing is delayed.
Oh, that we might be ever so much blinder
To others' faults and failures, and instead
Take inventory of ourselves more often
And make the pathway brighter where we tread.

AN UNUSUAL MERCHANT

George Wargo of the Lightning Speed Manufacturing Co., of Streator, Illinois, is truly different than the ordinary merchant of this day. He is engaged in the selling of plants and seeds through a retail outlet and by mail-order. But that is not the thing that makes him different. Not only does he advertise his products, but he also seeks to honor the Lord Jesus Christ in his business. His catalog is called the Master's Garden Book and gives credit to God for the successful growth of the plants he sells and the success of his business. He operates on the basis of giving an extra portion on each order for good measure. In addition to all of this, he also advertises good Christian books and the leading Christian magazines in his catalog.—Western Voice.

THE SECRET OF BIBLE STUDY IN FIVE SENTENCES

1. Study it through. Never begin a day without mastering a verse.
2. Pray it in. Never leave your Bible until the passage you have studied is a part of your very being.
3. Put it down. The thought God gives you, put in the margin of your Bible or your notebook.
4. Work it out. Live the truth you get through all the hours of the day.
5. Pass it on. Seek to tell somebody what you have learned.

—J. Wilbur Chapman.

TRUE WEALTH

A man whom others called poor, but who had just enough fortune to support himself, went about the country in the simplest way, studying and enjoying the life and beauty of it.

He was once in the company of a great millionaire. The poor man said to the millionaire, "I am richer than you are."

"How do you make that out?" asked the millionaire.

"Why," he replied, "I have as much money as I want, and you haven't."

—The Sunday School Chronicle.

The Bible is the rock on which this Republic rests.—Andrew Jackson.

Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some people will ever read.

The Church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians but a school for the education of imperfect ones, a nursery for the care of weak ones, a hospital for the healing of those who need assiduous care.—Beecher.

The disease of an evil conscience is beyond the practice of all the physicians of all the countries in the world.—Gladstone.

The years are sure to etch some wrinkles on your brow, but there need be none in your heart.—W. W. Ayer.

While a pure body is hygienic, a pure heart is heavenly.—Herbert Lockyer.

Humility is to make a right estimate of oneself.—Charles H. Spurgeon.

You need no guide to follow the broad way of sin, but you need the Guide to find even the strait way that leads to life.—Everett Morgan.

The fact that you have never experienced the love of God does not prove it doesn't exist.—Everett Morgan.

THINK IT OVER

Two ministers' wives were sitting on the veranda of a Canadian house chatting to each other as they mended their husband's trousers. "I can't understand," said one of them, "why your church is always prosperous, while ours is not."

"Well," said the other wife, "if you were an observant person, you would have noticed that I am patching these trousers on the knees while you were putting patches on the seat!"

The rest was understood!

SAFE HIDING

When Martin Luther was in the throes of the Reformation and the Pope was trying to bring him back to the Catholic Church, he sent a cardinal to deal with Luther and buy him with gold.

The cardinal wrote to the Pope, "The fool does not love gold." The cardinal, when he could not convince Luther, said to him, "What do you think the Pope cares for the opinions of a German boor? The Pope's little finger is stronger than all Germany. Do you expect your princes to take up arms to defend you—you, a wretched worm like you? I tell you no. And where will you be then?"

Luther's reply was simple. "Where I am now—in the hands of Almighty God."—Pentecostal Herald.

INSPIRATIONAL POEMS OF THE CROSS FOR EVERY OCCASION

By Floyd D. Carey

The poems in this volume were written by the author as inspired at camp meetings, conventions, and regular services at local churches. We hope you will receive a blessing from reading them and find a use for them in your daily life. We believe songs, which are poems set to music, inspire one with zeal to work for God; likewise, a sermon in rhyme perhaps will strike a spark in some heart heretofore untouched by the sermons heard. My prayer for America is that she might be saved.

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The Signs of the Times

Rev. James L. Slay

No one, in his right mind, will deny that we are living in the most critical period of the existence of man. All of us have witnessed the destruction of ideas and ideals that have stood impregnable for centuries. No longer do we plan for the future. The security of the nation and the security of the world is threatened like it has never been threatened before. The fact that such a state of affairs does exist will cause many to wonder, but to the real child of God and to the student of His Word, all of the changes going on around us are nothing but harbingers of a better day. We live in the Time of the Signs. What is happening is supposed to happen. God said that it would be this way, and we know that the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Signs serve a useful purpose in our everyday life. Signs are also mentioned in the Bible and serves the same purposes that they do in the ordinary manner of usage. Signs are used to

direct, to warn of danger, and to tell position. God has set up way-marks that tell us the way to heaven, warn us of impending danger, and inform us of the imminence of His return.

One does not enter the realm of mere speculation when he assumes the position of a prophetic preacher. 'Tis true that some sensationalists have done much damage to prophetic preaching, but this fact does not destroy the validity of Bible truth. In the very first chapter of Genesis, verse fourteen, we read, "And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years." From this plain scriptural statement we are to know that the very heavens contain planets and systems of planets that can be used of the Creator to warn of danger or point to the occurrence of something spiritually great. The first mention of such a phenomena is found in Numbers 24:17, "I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a STAR out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth." This statement of divine inspiration was uttered by the fee-grabbing Balaam, but was fulfilled at the birth of the Messiah. Any school child knows the story of the Star of the East and the trek of the Magi to Bethlehem. No, one does not go amiss when he tells you that the Bible is a book of God which will enable you to understand the present and divine the future.

It shall be our purpose in this series of articles to give chapter and verse for the events that are occurring today. God would have us to know what is going to happen. Did He not apprise Abraham of what He was to do with Sodom and Gomorrah? Did not Simeon and Anna know that the time of the Hope of Israel was soon? God has certainly not changed His plan at this crucial hour and we know that He has a message for us today. Pray that God will direct you in your study of His Word, for it will surely be a "light unto your pathway."

THE LAST DAYS

The term "last days" is one that we shall be using many times. Do we have scriptural proof that we are to use such a term? Is there any reason for our believing that the term can be applied to the present? Or is the mere term itself found in the Word?

All of these questions can be easily answered by the stating of just a few of the many scriptural passages that could be used. Paul, in both of his letters to Timothy mentioned the last days, 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 3:1. Peter spoke of a group of scoffers who would mock in the last days, 2 Peter 3:3. James mentions the fact that rich men will heap together treasures for the last days, James 5:3. If we are to believe the Bible at all, we will not go astray if we believe these statements to infer that there is to be or is a time which can be called the last days.

It logically follows that if there is a last days mentioned, then when is the time referred to as the latter day? The only way to learn the answer to this pertinent question is to analyze all the scriptures that have to do with the time immediately preceding the coming of the Lord and see if the time, now present, will fit the pattern thus given. This we shall attempt to do, God permitting, under the following general outline...

SIGNS IN THE CHURCH

If we are to look for signs, as from the Lord, it most certainly is evident that some can be found in the group composed of the believers in Christ. The disciples, being of a curious nature, approached the Lord and asked Him, "... what shall be the SIGN of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Matt. 24:3. Jesus immediately answered them by saying, "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." This sign of deception will appear in the ranks of the so-called followers of the Lord. With this in mind, we shall follow the pattern of the Lord and enumerate, as signs of the times, conditions that are prevalent in the modern church. (We say in defense of our article, that we shall use the word "church" to refer to the great body of organized Christians, and not the group in this great body that will constitute the church triumphant.)

Jesus, in His answer to the query of His disciples, warned first of deception. Let us see if there is such a thing in the church today. Not only do we have Father Divine with his host of gullible followers, but we have Daddy Grace and his dark-skinned group, who believe that these little colored men are real anointed ones of the Lord. I am told that Father Divine reckons himself to be God, and has

made many believe such drivel. Of course, we have always had our little tin messiahs, but certainly such a thing could not happen in such an enlightened age, were it not for the fact that God has given a God-rejecting world over to a strong delusion. It is only a small segment that is duped by such satanic puppets, but this condition is symptomatic and makes us to know that there is present a spirit of deception which is preparing the hearts of the people for the great deceiver, the antichrist. Paul certainly had this condition in mind when he told the church of Thessalonica that God would send those who rejected the truth a strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, 2 Thess. 5:11. People in the church who will not listen to the truth will soon be swayed by the monster of deception. We must believe something, and if we turn a deaf ear to the truth, we surely will listen to the voice of the deceiver. We have never had more church members than we have today. I am told that approximately 74,000,000 people have their names on the rolls of our Christian churches. These are the disciples of Christ. Many have been deceived by the enemy. These are the ones who have been taken into the assembly of the righteous, yet numbers of them live like the devil and pay men to tell them that they cannot live right. These are the ones who need prayer and a shower of the latter rain.

This deception of the last days is seen in the rise of numerous false cults that pretend to bring new light, but really obscure the simple faith of Christ and teach a religion of philosophy and not a religion of practical living. Within a period of sixty years, such cults as Mormonism, Seventh Day Adventism, Spiritism, Evolution, New Thought, Christian Science, Theosophy and Russellism arose to deceive the minds and hearts of many. Many of these groups are quiet prominent today, but all of them had their real birth in the period between 1830 and 1860. The mystery of iniquity has been working for ages, but has in these last day mustered all of his forces for one final and futile assault on the citadel of truth and right. Paul has us to know that the Spirit speaks of the rise of such groups. These duped ones follow not the mind of the Spirit, but "give heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils," 1 Timothy 4:1. Space will not permit us to analyze any of these false doctrines, but the mere fact of their ex-

istence is a sign of the approaching of the Lord.

In 2 Timothy 3:5, we are told that in the last days the church would have a form of godliness, but would deny the power thereof. Such a condition does exist today. The nominal Christian does not want the supernatural element stressed. He is proud of his learning and feels that religion is a matter of reason and ethics. The power of God is not to be felt by the individual. The days of miracles are over. No longer does the Lord speak through His people as the "Spirit gives the utterance." There is formality, but not spirituality. Well may we heed the admonition of James 5:7, "Be



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patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and LATTER RAIN." Thank God for the latter rain. We are enjoying it today as never before. Let us ask for it. The ancient Zechariah said, "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field."

It is wonderful to know that in these last days, days of backsliding and infidelity, that God has been wonderfully real in the manifestation of His power and glory. Hundreds are being healed today. Thousands are receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and speaking with tongues just

as they did on the day of Pentecost. Yes, the outpouring of the Holy Ghost is one of the sure signs of the coming of the Lord. The former or early rain fell at Pentecost. This was to make the freshly sown seed sprout and come into being. The latter rain, which we now enjoy, is to ripen the grain and make it ready for the great harvest, which will take place at the end of this age.

May the Lord help all of the professors of religion to watch and pray. Mark 13:37. It is indeed possible for a person to know Christ and then let Him leave because of a lack of prayer and holiness. Jesus warned His disciples of just such a thing in Luke 21:34-36, "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." Let no man deceive you, my dear reader. You have to be ready for the coming of the Lord. If there was no chance of your losing out with God, once you had known Him, then why all the warning to be ready and waiting for the appearance of the King of kings? Let no man have you to believe that you can go unless you maintain your holiness. The admonition of Hebrews 12:14 will serve us well in this connection, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

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... Foreign Missions ...

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A WHEEL IN THE MIDDLE OF A WHEEL

By J. H. Ingram,
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For several months the Lord has been dealing with this writer very forcefully concerning what Ezekiel, the priestly prophet of God, saw as he walked among the Babylonian captives by the river Chebar. In the first three chapters of Ezekiel's prophetic book, he endeavors to describe what happened when the heavens were opened, and there appeared to him wonderful visions of God's glory.

In describing the "living creatures" or cherubim, Ezekiel attaches a great deal of importance to the "wheels" which were lifted up with them, for, he said, "The spirit of the living creature was in the wheels." Ezek. 1:20.

Delineating the wheels and their work, the prophet says: "They four had one likeness, and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel," Ezek. 1:16.

In this passage of scripture, Ezekiel uses a figure of speech that is not easily understood by many of us in these days, but to him it was a revelation of the Shekinah glory of the Lord. Such glorious visions invariably bring new blessings and a greater desire for service.

At that moment of time the Spirit of God "entered into" the prophet, and the Lord said unto him: "Go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak my words unto them. For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, but to the house of Israel; not to many people of a strange speech and an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee." Ezek. 3:4-6.

A Church in the Middle of a Church

The Bible says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish," Prov. 29:18. The lever was invented by a man of vision, who thought he could move the world, provided he had a lever big

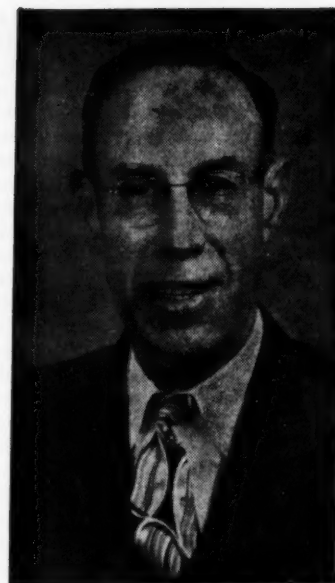
enough. Then another foresighted inventor gave us the wheel, and, figuratively speaking, the whole world is actually run by, or on, wheels today.

When one sees a big wheel turning, he will bear in mind that, in most cases, it is geared to a smaller one, or otherwise connected to it, by means of a belt. While the big wheel is the main source of driving power, the little one can not be dispensed with, and oftentimes a small, wheel-shaped attachment acts as "governor," controlling the speed of the entire machine. Very often one sees a small wheel built right into the framework of a larger one.

Ezekiel had a vision when he saw the wheel in the middle of a wheel, and he said, "The spirit of the living creature was in the wheels." One should not have to stretch his imagination too far and become "visionary" in order to see the general Church in the homeland as a "wheel," and the Foreign Mission Department as a "wheel in the middle of a wheel." And, one should not hesitate when it comes to using the word "foreign" in this manner, unless he objects to being called an alien; for, after all, it is our mission that is "foreign," and we are the "foreigners" when we go abroad with the thought of ministering to people belonging to another language group. In other words, we may liken the Missions Department to "a church in the middle of the Church," since it is doing the same work as the general Church, only on a smaller scale.

Let the Church Roll On

Your writer experienced very little difficulty in getting transportation on U. S. Army and Navy ships and planes during the late war, because he was travelling throughout the world as general field representative of the Foreign Missions Department of the Church of God. Travel priority was granted on the authority of executive orders issued from Washington by our late president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, in favor of institutions doing religious, educational, or philanthropic work. Since we have our overseas orphanage work going, it would, naturally, come under the classification of phi-



J. H. Ingram

lanthropy, qualifying us under all three counts in this case.

Ezekiel got a limited call from God to speak unto His people, but the Lord said that the people of a strange speech would have harkened unto the prophet, had he been sent unto them. We have been commissioned to go into all the world, which we are endeavoring to do, and the people are harkening unto us. Our work is threefold in principle and worldwide in its scope. The "spirit of the living creature" was in the wheels that Ezekiel saw. The "Spirit of the Living Creator" is in these wheels. So, we say: Let the Church roll on!

Our esteemed Mission Board is working at a great disadvantage with a limited amount of finance. If we had greater means at our disposal, there is, seemingly, no end to the amount of good that may be done. If one may refer to the tithes as a financial barometer, registering the income of the Church, we are far short in giving as we should to foreign missions. Brethren, I am afraid we are keeping too much of our finance at home, however good our motives may be. The Church of God work is established in such a manner that the sun never sets on the movement, and it holds the title of being the fastest growing organization of its kind in the world, and it was missions that put us on the map. Let us keep the wheels rolling!

LEE COLLEGE

SHOULD YOUNG PEOPLE ATTEND LEE COLLEGE?

By ERNEST C. PENNINGTON,
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What do the young people of today want? To answer this question we must do some serious thinking. We can say that young people want excitement, other young people to associate with, a variety of activities, and a chance to prove themselves a mature person. The list is very brief and general. It is in no wise complete.

What do the public schools offer young people of today? For the Christian youth the public schools offer very little. Many teachers have low moral standards. The students are no better, for they follow the example set before them. Many schools do not believe in the Christian faith. The Christian has many hard battles to fight, because of the bad environment which the public schools have. There are the smoking rooms, where the teachers and students meet to smoke between classes. The smoking room is not an asset, but a liability to the school. Instead of teaching against the things that will hinder the growth of the students, they overlook them and many times uphold them.

What does Lee College offer the young people of today? The aim and purpose of the college, as stated in the May, 1949, bulletin, is to combine the forces of education and religion in promoting the Church and the kingdom of God in the earth. The institution's purpose is to develop the highest in Christian character and to cultivate a love for the richer, finer things of life.

One thing we must remember is that Lee College is not just another college, but it is a peculiar college. To all people, Lee offers classes that will help one to be broad in his thinking and tolerant of other's thoughts. The teachers and administration are all Christians, with an individual interest in every student on the campus.

Then another important feature of Lee College is that the students who attend are of the highest moral standard in the Christian faith. Many of the nations' finest young people walk around on the campus of Lee College.

Lee College has its athletics, too. It has a great sports department, with many great improvements from past

years.

While the mind is young is the time to train it in the right way. The mind of a youth is like a young tree. The way the tree is bent while young is the way it will grow and be when it is older. If you want your mind to develop the way it should, then come to Lee College.

STUDENTS SPEAK

I Like Lee College Because . . .

There are many advantages we have in a Christian institution we don't find in other places. One of the things is the opportunity to associate with good Christians. In Christian schools, like Lee, we find good Christian students along with good Christian teachers. The students and the teachers are always ready to help us along our way.—Helen Hiers, Georgia.

The faculty of a Christian college differs somewhat from that of an ordinary college. This Christian faculty serves a twofold purpose. It strives to the utmost of its ability to give the students the very best training from an intellectual and a spiritual viewpoint. Such a faculty of outstanding character and ability is to be commended for its determined effort to serve a school and a church.—Jesse L. Smith, Texas.

You cannot find many institutions in which God is recognized and called upon before every class. How can a person keep from feeling closer to the Lord when he is on his knees praying in a classroom where the majority of his classmates and the instructor are doing the same?—Frances Lee Treadaway, Alabama.

There are great opportunities in Lee College that we do not find in every institution. I particularly enjoy the mission spirit prevalent on the campus. I enjoy participating in the many projects the Missions Club is doing for the foreign fields. We receive great inspiration from returned missionaries, also.—Betty O'Bannon, Florida.

Lee College affords a friendly environment. Besides meeting people from all over the United States, here at Lee one has a chance to travel

into foreign lands by associating with students coming from those places. In this way, a person learns three things important to us in life, tolerance, patience, and non-prejudice.—Winona Cook, Tennessee.

At Lee College you always have something to do. There is entertainment and recreation for everyone to enjoy, and it is conducted in a Christian manner. We also learn to get along with other people and to respect their rights. If we follow our motto, "Do right," we will always succeed in life.—Dolores Johnson, Ohio.

WE KNOW NOT WHAT IS BEFORE US

Mary G. Bratnord

I know not what shall befall me,
God hangs a mist o'er my eyes,
And each step in my onward path
He makes new scenes to rise,
And every joy He sends to me
Comes as a sweet surprise.

I see not a step before me
As I tread on another year,
But the past is still in God's keeping,
The future His mercy shall clear,
And what looks dark in the distance
May brighten as I draw near.

For perhaps the dreaded future
Has less bitter than I think;
The Lord may sweeten the waters
Before I stoop to drink;
Or, if Marah must be Marah,
He will stand beside its brink.

It may be He has, waiting
For the coming of my feet,
Some gift of such rare value,
Some joy so strangely sweet
That my lips shall only tremble
With the thanks they cannot speak.

O restful, blissful ignorance!
'Tis blessed not to know;
It keeps me still in those arms
Which will not let me go,
And hushes my soul to rest
In the bosom that loved me so!

So I go on— not knowing;
I would not if I might,
Rather walking with God in the dark
Than going alone in the light;
Rather walking with Him by faith
Than walking alone by sight.

My heart sinks back from trials
Which the future may disclose,
Yet I never had a sorrow
But what the dear Lord chose;
So, I send the coming tears back
With the whispered word, "He knows!"

The Flesh and the Spirit

Rev. Joseph W. West

According to the Bible, there are different kinds of flesh. 1 Cor. 15:39, 40 tells us there is one for men, another of beasts, another of fowls. Also there is the celestial body which is heavenly, or divine, and an inhabitant of heaven. Then there is the terrestrial body, which is of the land, or belonging to land in distinction from trees, air or water; an earthly body. The bodies being different makes the natures different. Therefore, because we have fleshly bodies we have fleshly natures. Everybody has not the same nature, for all are different flesh. The meaning of "flesh" in the Greek is "the body; human nature; human being." Heb. 2:16, "For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham" (or the nature of men). Rom. 8:3b. The Son came in the likeness of sinful flesh to condemn sin in the flesh.

Christ said in St. John 3:5, 6, "Except a man be born of the water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Now the word "except" here means that there isn't any other way in. He also says that which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit; or, because you are of fleshly birth you are fleshly, and of spiritual birth you are spiritual. Gal. 4:22, 23, "For it is written, that Abraham had two sons . . . he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the free woman was by promise." Gal. 4:28-30, "Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now . . . Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the free-woman." Gal. 5:16-18, "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh . . . But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law." 1 Peter 2:11, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul."

Gal. 5:19-21—WORKS OF THE FLESH

"Are these; adultery, fornication,

uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like . . . they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Gal. 5:22, 23—FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

"Is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

Rom. 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Rom. 8:12, 13, "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do MORTIFY THE DEEDS OF THE BODY, ye shall live."

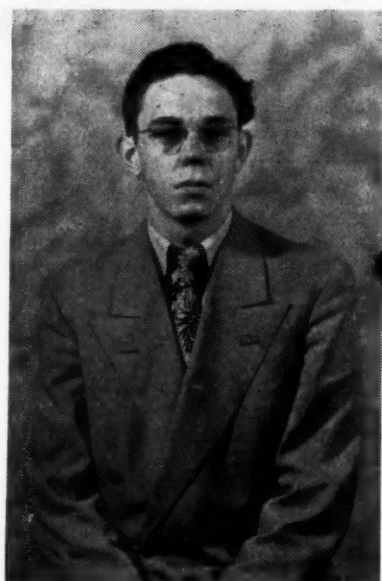
Definition of "mortify," found only twice in the Bible, Rom. 8:13 and Col. 3:5: Greek, "kill, put to death, become dead, to deaden, to subdue, be dead." "Death" in the Greek has the same meanings as "mortify."

Paul says, Gal. 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

2 Cor. 10:3, "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh."

1 Cor. 9:26, 27, "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air. But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

In Gal. 2:20 Paul says, "I am dead with Christ: but I am alive; yet, it is Christ that liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God." He says, "Though I am aware that I am in the flesh, yet Christ is ruling my life." 2 Cor. 10:3, "For though we live in the flesh, we do not fulfill the lust of the flesh, but are led by the Spirit." Also, "I bring my body (or flesh) into subjection, so when I preach to others I won't be lost." This is the reason he says, in Gal. 5:16, "This I say then, Live in the Spirit,



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and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." James 1:13, 14 puts it, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: but every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." We find then, according to that, we are tempted through the lusting of the flesh, in just the same way Eve was tempted. Gen. 3:6, "When the woman saw that the tree was good for food (lust of the flesh), and that it was pleasant to the eyes (lust of the eye), and a tree to be desired to make one wise (the pride of life), she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat." She was tempted by her own lust and ate of the tree and gave to her husband.

Some people like to say that the body of man sins, and that you can't be free from sin because of the body; that sin will not be done away with until death of the body. The body doesn't sin, because sin cometh forth out of the heart, for out of it come the issues of life. That is why Paul said, in 1 Cor. 6:18, "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body." Then man's body doesn't make him sin, but a wicked and sinful heart

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WHO SAYS THE DEVIL IS BOUND?

HAMMER SLAYER

EVANSVILLE, Ind., (U.P.)—A 22-year-old bespectacled college student claimed today that he killed his beautiful 16-year-old sweetheart with a hammer in a suicide pact at her request, but failed to take his own life when his "last nerve cracked."

Franklin Thomas Slay, Griffin, Ind., sat in a jail cell here and read detective story magazines after confessing to the hammer slaying of Mary Ellen Harmon, November 26 near Evansville, Ky., about 90 miles south of here.

An autopsy of the girl's body was scheduled for today. Slay told reporters the girl was pregnant.

She said she was conscience-stricken because they had lived together as man and wife.

"I asked her what she wanted to do," he said. "She said, 'Let's die in each other's arms.'"

"I was shocked, and I asked if she was sure, and she said, 'Yes.'"

"I drove us into a side road. After we professed our love, we agreed on my shooting her and then myself."

The youth said he took out his .22 rifle, but, when a "piece of the gun" fell off, "we found another way."

"I remember taking a hammer from the tool chest in the car and telling her to bend over," he said.

"She did so and I struck her head—I don't know how many times."

"The next thing I remember is stopping at a bridge and getting out to jump. My last nerve cracked and I couldn't do it. I got back in the car and realized my life was forfeited for murder."

AMERICA'S MORAL DEBAUCHERY

In a single year, this land of the free and some of the knave spends for:

Liquor	\$15,000,000,000
Gambling	9,640,000,000
Tobacco	6,000,000,000
Commercialized vice	1,600,000,000
Motion pictures	5,000,000,000
Cosmetics	1,000,000,000
Chewing gum	500,000,000
	100,000,000

ENGLAND'S BLOODIEST 20TH CENTURY KILLER

LONDON, (U.P.)—John George Haigh, 40, the bloodiest and calmest killer known to 20th Century England, was hanged at Wandsworth Prison to pay for one of the nine murders he claimed he committed.

Although Haigh was sentenced to death and hanged only for the murder of Mrs. Olive Durand-Deacon, 69, a wealthy London widow, he confessed to killing eight other persons in London and its vicinity.

In his confession, Haigh told police he drank some of the blood of each of his victims. His attorney claimed at his trial he did this because of dreams which created in him a lust for blood.

A BLASPHEMOUS PRAYER IS PROPOSED

Washington, D. C.—A prayer has been written in Washington and recommended to Congress and other governmental bodies which LEAVES OUT THE NAME OF CHRIST and designed to please Jew, Christian, Mohammedan, etc.

A paragraph proposed is as follows: "Most gracious Lord, Master, Messiah and Saviour of humanity, allow us to recognize Thee in all Thy holy names and forms; as Rama, Krishna, as Shiva, as Buddha. Let us know Thee as Abraham, as Solomon, as Zarathustra, as Moses, as Jesus, as Mohammed, and in many other names and forms, known and unknown to the world."

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The cost of automobile insurance has been mounting year by year, due in no small measure to the fact that drinking drivers are responsible for highway accidents that cost a billion dollars annually for repairs or replacement.

A large share of the national crime bill of fifteen billion dollars is also due to drink.

A continuation of this folly can mean nothing less than moral degeneracy, financial bankruptcy, and national disaster.

THE PRICE WE PAY

We are paying a terrific price for the flood of liquor and alcoholic beverages pouring over the land. Were all the tears of anguish caused by this wicked indulgence to be assembled, they would make a small ocean. Cries of terror are heard in countless communities. Wickedness abounds. In releasing the annual bulletin, Uniform Crime Reports, for 1948, J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, points out that a serious crime occurred every 18.7 seconds in 1948. An estimated 1,868,678 major crimes of felonious homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and auto theft occurred in 1948, a 1.3 per cent increase over 1947. There are averages of 211 aggravated assaults every day, totaling 77,310 per year; 44 known cases of rape each day, making a yearly total of 16,180; 21 murders each day, with an annual total of 7,620; 15 instances of negligent manslaughter, making a total of 5,390. This does not include the wreckage to be found on the highways. Violations of narcotic drug laws reported to the FBI rose from 3,388 in 1947 to 4,846 in 1948, an increase of 43.03 per cent. Arrests for driving while intoxicated were 38,325 in 1947 and 39,584 in 1948, a rise of 3.28 per cent. Arrests for drunkenness rose 4.08 per cent in 1948 over 1947. Vagrancy arrests climbed from 43,487 in 1947 to 49,423 in 1948, an increase of 13.65 per cent.

A 17-year old girl in Seattle fatally stabbed her father recently after father, mother, and daughter had returned home from a beer parlor and got to quarreling. All three had partaken of friendship in the 'friendly tavern.' The 17-year old girl was served wine. State liquor board inspectors investigated the incident.

AMERICA'S FOREMOST SABOTEUR

By JACK SHULER
IN "METHODIST CHALLENGE"

In my travels I have found that the average American city today contains more liquor joints than churches, and more licenses to sell intoxicating beverages than licenses to preach the Christian gospel. The liquor interests are getting the upper hand. In some cities I discovered that there were as many as three liquor dispensaries to every church.

I discovered further that in many cities illegal gambling was rampant and that the church had done little to compel the sheriff's office to enforce the laws of the State which afford grounds for bringing such culprits to account. Gambling and the liquor traffic are close neighbors, and it is interesting, if shocking, to note that while the liquor industry took in round 10 billion dollars last year, the gamblers scooped up an estimated 6 billion on horse races alone.

There are an estimated 5,000,000 people who are suffering from venereal diseases in this nation. Dr. August Forel, eminent physician, has estimated that 76 per cent of the men and 68 per cent of the women were infected while under the influences of alcohol.

National statistics gleaned from responsible sources inform us that alcohol plays a part in about 80 per cent of all crimes, 65 per cent of all divorce, 75 per cent of all child neglect, between 70 and 80 per cent of all highway accidents, and 25 per cent of all insanity.

Nor does this abhorrent monster by-pass the great of our nation in seeking grist for its mill.

A survey conducted at Washington Home and institutions at Norfolk and Foxboro and an examination of thirty thousand cases in court showed that among the alcoholics were

600 doctors, 300 priests and ministers, 170 dentists, 650 lawyers (17 of them judges) and 600 tradesmen of high repute.

'I SHOT MY MOMMY,' BOY, 5, CONFESSES

Killed by Accident as She Attempted to Intervene in Sons' Quarrel

PITTSBURGH, Pa., (AP)—Little Joe Langston, who quietly admitted "I shot my mommy," went back home today, a dollar bill clutched tightly in his hand.

Coroner William D. McClelland handed the sober 5-year-old the money after declaring the death of Mrs. Helen Langston, 39, an accident.

Only to his aunt, Mrs. Frances Kearns, did the boy finally confess: "I shot my mommy."

Sons Were Arguing

Mrs. Langston was killed instantly yesterday in the bedroom of her home near Carnegie. The tragedy occurred after she attempted to break up a fight between her two older sons, William, 18, and John 17.

"There was a bird standing there. I went to shoot at it, and I shot my mommy."

'SPOILED SON'

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., (U.P.)—Some of the story of Van A. Barrickman, Jr., about eight wives and multiple auto thefts and forgeries may be mere fancy, the FBI said today, but a substantial part of it has been verified by investigation.

The handsome, wavy-haired Barrickman, self-described spoiled son of a former U. S. attorney in Pittsburgh, confessed here yesterday that he has married eight wives without a divorce and stolen at least 12 cars in the last 18 years.

"I'm tired of running," he told the FBI. "I've had to keep going and going. Every time I reach a new town I know I'm 'hot' there, too."

MEMPHIS MOTHER, TWO CHILDREN SHOT DOWN; FATHER NOW HUNTED

MEMPHIS (U.P.)—Pale and trembling, 9-year-old Bonnie Faye Bean today told authorities how her 50-year-old father, in a fit of drunken rage, shot down her mother, sister, and twin brother last night.

The little girl was so bewildered and shaken she scarcely realized that the rifle blasts had killed her mother, 25-year-old Mrs. Fannie Bean, and sister, 11-year-old Dorris Jean.

While Sheriff Jimmy Thompson patiently learned the story of a terrible five minutes from the little girl, his deputies were searching for the father, W. F. Bean, a mechanic. Bean was last seen as he walked away from the house after the massacre, muttering, "I'm going to kill myself."

Bonnie Faye said she and her 7-year-old sister Theima saw the shooting. "Daddy and mother were arguing," Bonnie Faye told the sheriff.

"He shot mother first. Then Jean started screaming, so he shot her, too."

The rest of the story came from Mrs. May Rice, the landlady who rented a 2-room apartment to the Beans recently.

She said she ran for the apartment when she heard the shots and met Bean at the door. "Well, it happened at last," she quoted him. "Do you think I'm crazy?"

Mrs. Rice said Bean shook his head and told her, "I didn't mean to shoot the boy and girl." Then he walked out, rifle under his arm, muttering, "I'm going to kill myself."

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Reports

FROM THE FIELD

Having Glorious Services

SALEM, W. Va.—We are happy to report victory through Jesus Christ our Saviour. The church here is on the upward move. We have been having some glorious services and feel that the Lord is getting us ready for a revival with a great reaping of souls to add to our number. We want to thank God for the church here, also our good pastor, Brother S. B. McCane. Since his coming to Salem, much good has been accomplished through his work. We wish to sound a note of praise in appreciation of his untiring efforts to put the work over for the Lord. A lot of work, such as papering and painting, has been done on the parsonage. There have been 3 new rooms added and the bathroom moved upstairs, by the cooperation of the good brothers donating their time and helping Brother McCane with the work. Two unsaved boys donated their time in putting in new electric wiring. The work that has been done, and the new furniture purchased has amounted to approximately \$2,400. This report would not be complete without a word for our pastor's good wife who has worked so faithfully along with him and the L. W. B. Sister McCane is an ideal pastor's wife. Pray for the work in Salem that we may accomplish much for the Lord.—Hazel Clevenger, Reporter.

Two-night Healing Service

SHERMAN, Texas—On November 29 and 30, the Churches of God in Sherman, Bonham, Van-Astynne, Celina, and Denison, Texas, sponsored a two-night divine healing service in the Sherman City Municipal Auditorium, with Brother Thea F. Jones in charge. Many souls were blessed and several deaf and dumb people could hear and speak after being prayed for. One sister who had had a goiter on her neck for several years was completely healed. We give all the praise to our Lord. We do know there is nothing too hard for Him.—Mrs. Leona Ross.

New Mexico District Convention

In November 18-20, we had our first district convention this year for this New Mexico district. We met on

Friday evening at 7:30 with a good crowd and the presence of God. We had a good testimony service, and a good offering was taken for our state overseer, Brother Bascom Stanley. Reverend Martin of Portales brought a stirring message on "Sanctification," and God blessed in a wonderful way.

On Saturday afternoon we met in another good service. Rev. Jack Drake preached a wonderful message on "The Chief Cornerstone." We had a good altar service where many rededicated their lives to God.

Saturday night we met with a packed house and God did surely bless. There was a good offering taken for the Orphanage, and our Brother Sharp brought us a good message on "The Soon Coming of Jesus."

On Sunday morning we had a radio program and a good Sunday School. Brother Stanley brought the message and a mission offering was taken. We had a basket dinner and everyone had a wonderful time in the Lord. We praise God for His great power and for our church in Tucumcari, which is growing by leaps and bounds for God. We praise God for our good pastor Lillie Hamilton, who stands by her church and works for all. She stands by the young people, and the Lord has called 8 young men who have answered the call to go and preach His Word.—Miss Williese Lee, Reporter.

Church at Dallas, Texas, Blessed with Beautiful Church

Dear Brother Chesser:

We purchased the church I told you of in a previous letter. We feel that God gave us this place which we now have. The church is about 75 by 90, and seats about 600. The auditorium is beautiful; it has one of the best arranged rostrums I have seen, a beautiful glazed-tile baptistry, pastor's study, prayer room, elevated floors, and beautiful pews. The basement is full sized, daylight, with an auditorium which seats 150, 5 Sunday School rooms, a well equipped kitchen, and rest rooms. We also got, in the deal, a large 5-room house. The church janitor lives in part of this house and we use 2 rooms for Sunday School. The church owed about \$9,000 on the

old property and we took the \$5,000 cash we received in the trade and applied it on the church debt.

God has really blessed the church here. We have taken about 45 members into the church in 6 months. The tithes average about \$800 a month. The Sunday School average for November was 310, and for December 292. We have a large trailway bus which we use to bring in Sunday School students. On December 4, 25 knelt in the altar in a regular service. 10 were saved, 4 sanctified, and 4 baptized with the Holy Ghost. Then on December 11, 22 were in the altar, several more were saved and sanctified, and 3 received the Holy Ghost, and 9 came into the church.

We have some of the finest people in the world here in Dallas. They are working to see God's Church go over the top.—J. L. Summers, Pastor, Dallas, Texas.

LANSING, Mich.—We are happy to report to the *Evangel* readers that since our last report to you the Lord has helped us to get a church and parsonage. We thank the Lord for it all.—W. T. Truett.

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TOUCHED BY OUR BROTHER'S INFIRMITY

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If a man think himself to be something when he is nothing, he only deceives himself, and it becomes evident to all with whom he comes in contact. Those of us who suppose ourselves to excel all others in piety, understanding, abilities, and gifted talents, and pretend more light and communion with God, while we are harsh, critical, censorious, and overbearing, do not prove that we have "charity, thinketh no evil." In the sight of God we are only "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal." We are destitute of the real love that "beareth, hopeth, and endureth all things."

Oh, earnestly, sincerely, and humbly I cry out to God (I am sure with many others) to help us as Pentecostal brethren to shun all the ways of the Pharisees and hypocrites, to seek anew the "old paths" and walk therein that we may not only find rest for our own souls, and be "touched with the feeling of our (spiritual, 'family') infirmities," but to prove to a calloused, skeptical, without-natural-affection, and unbelieving world that by this they shall know we are His disciples, because we have "fervent love," "one another."

How my heart yearns to witness in the fellowship and rally meetings that real Holy Ghost, Calvary-bought LOVE that brings waves of glory into our midst, saturates our souls, and binds us together, until poor, lost, unredeemed mankind sees and senses the reality of the Saviour's love. Then, with hearts laden with conviction and desire, they will bow humbly before Him and receive the paid-for "eternal salvation." Agony grips our hearts, yet many of us fail to be touched with the feeling of the infirmities of others, thus stand in the way of those who neglect "so great salvation," and may sometimes hear the awful sentence, "Depart, for I know you not." Dear God, arouse us out of our lethargy, for Jesus' sake, for lost humanity. Amen.

THE FLESH AND THE SPIRIT

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does, which causes the body to carry out the sinful action that it has in it. Yes, man is liable to sin when he is tempted by his own lust, through his eyes, ears, and other ways that the devil has to get to his heart and make him his slave. Just as he tempted Eve, so he tempted Jesus. Therefore, the

body doesn't cause us to sin, but it is the heart. That is why the Lord says, "Give me thine heart."

Titus 2:11, 12, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world." Then we are to live this way, while in this body, in this world. The same body that carried out the sinful wishes of a stony heart now does righteous and godly deeds of a pure heart. The life is different, but the body isn't, and will not be until we see Him in His glory, or be like He is.

Rom. 8:22, 23, "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body," as well as in life.

Phil. 3:20, 21, "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." 1 John 3:2, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

MEMPHIS, TENN., PARSONAGE THEN

Below is the first Memphis, Tenn., parsonage, purchased by the church during Rev. C. J. Hindmon's successful pastorate in (I think) 1939.



MEMPHIS, TENN., PARSONAGE NOW



Above is the new beautiful eight-room parsonage at Memphis, Tennessee, built during the successful pastorate of Theo F. Jones in 1946. This parsonage is modern in every respect, with an all-tile bath, plastered throughout, and heated with gas furnaces. It was built at a cost of \$9,000 and has already been valued at \$12,000. Several months ago it was the delightful privilege of your General Overseer, General Secretary and Treasurer, Business Manager of the Publishing House, and Editor-in-Chief to spend the night in this lovely parsonage and to be graciously entertained by the present pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Richard.

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